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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Delegation of Program Approval Authority

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation which is contained in paragraph 4.

2. Development Projects Division Administrative Memorandum Number 116, dated 22 January 1959, authorizes the Acting Chief of the unit to approve fund amounts up to \$10,000. Administrative Memorandum Number 125, dated 23 March 1959, states that in the absence of Col. William Burke, Acting Division Chief, duties will be assumed by Mr. James A. Cunningham, Jr. and that on such occasions "Mr. Cunningham will exercise all signatory and action authorities not specifically delegated to Col. Burke." It would appear from this that specific delegation would have to be made to extend such authority to Mr. Cunningham.

3. During the current absence of Col. Burke (until 2 November) various approvals will be necessary, particularly in connection with Project OKCANT. Under existing procedures, in Col. Burke's absence, approvals of this nature would have to be given by the DD/P in each instance. It is suggested that once an over-all program approval has been accorded this Project for the initial stages, an extension of the Acting Chief's authority to Mr. James A. Cunningham, Jr. would be in order in the interest of expediency.

4. It is accordingly recommended that in those instances when James A. Cunningham, Jr. is Acting Chief of DPD, he be delegated the same approval authority as Col. Burke, namely, up to, but not to exceed \$10,000.

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